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PRESIDENT ROGER'S WEEKLY BLOG

Firstly a big thank you to Peter Rawlings for a fantastic Changeover, the videos of PHF awards and Directors reports and the actual handing over of the chain were just great. You certainly made the occasion memorable.

Well, here we go with our first club meeting for the Rotary Centennial Year!. Your management team of Wayne (Secretary), Gordon (Treasurer), Peter W (Community and Vocation), Valerie (International), Bill B (Youth), Rob D (Membership), Carol (Pres. Elect), Roger A (Vice President), Peter R (Past President) and myself as President will guide our club through the uncharted waters of our Coronavirus world. It's going to be a challenging year but we will get through it and continue to 'do good in the world'these challenges will indeed open opportunities.

We will continue to 'meet' on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month for the foreseeable future and will have to continue to do things differently to maintain the engagement of members, raise funds, run projects etc

Monday night will be a Club Night to kick off the year, an open forum to put forward ideas and ask questions.

Our following 'meeting' on 20 July will **NOT** be on zoom, but a walk at 3pm (before it gets too cold) along the existing section of the Bay Trail, namely the Balcombe Estuary Boardwalk with a view to not only get a bit of exercise and fresh air together but to inspire some ideas about what we might do on the 'missing links' when they are built.

So, I look forward to 'seeing' you all on Monday night via Zoom.

Many thanks to all, Club President, Roger Skipsey

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RCMM Changeover 29th June 2020

Welcome to PDG Ray Martin who joined from Rotary Sorrento and we look forward to Ray and Judy's fellowship and service through the Rotary Club of Mt Martha.



Our congratulations to our PHF recipients on Changeover Night.

Wayne Jenkins PHF



Doug Rhodes PHF



Christine Williams PHF +2



Colin Stokes PHF +2



Rob Davies PHF +2



Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Mary McIntyre for her great work with the DIK donations of beds and wheelchairs and clothing for East Gippsland communities, Phyl Scales for her dedicated work with Facebook and Byron Groves for his weekly Bulletin together with each of our Community and Club Supporters.

Community Supporters, Mt Martha Community Bank, Warlimont & Nutt, Choices Flooring by Smiths, O'Brien Real Estate Mornington, Rawlings Featherstone Financial Solutions and Club Supporter Progress Signs.

Club meetings (via Zoom in this present COVID-19 climate).

JULY HAS NO ROTARY THEME

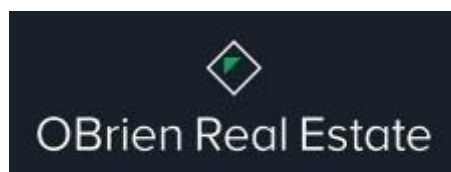
Mon 6 July	Club and Team Meetings via ZOOM
Mon 13 July	NO MEETING
Mon 20 July	Walk the Bay Trail at 3pm—more details will be provided
Mon 27 July	NO MEETING

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Mon 3 Aug	Club Meeting via Zoom
Mon 10 Aug	NO MEETING
Mon 17 Aug	Club Meeting via Zoom
Mon 24 Aug	NO MEETING
Mon 31 Aug	Club Meeting via Zoom



OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS, TO WHOM WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL



The Rotary Foundation News

Vale Clem Renouf



The Australian RI President who inspired Rotary's polio eradication efforts.

Sir Clem Renouf, the 1978-79 Rotary International President who helped propel Rotary toward its top goal of eradicating polio worldwide, has died at age 99.

Clem Renouf was a member of the Rotary Club of Nambour, Queensland, Australia, for 70 years. He served as RI director, Foundation trustee, district governor, RI committee member and chair, and International Assembly discussion leader.

In early 1979, read a story about the eradication of smallpox. He wondered if Rotary's new Health, Hunger and Humanities (3-H) Grants could be used to eliminate another disease. They allowed Rotary projects to be taken on by more than just one club or district. Clem Renouf consulted with a friend, John Sever, a District Governor in Maryland, USA, and chief of infectious diseases at the United States National Institutes of Health.

Sever happened to be friends with Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin, who developed polio vaccines in the 1950s and 1960s. After some research, Sever said that polio would be the best disease for Rotary to work on eradicating.

"Clem then set his sights on polio eradication as a Rotary worldwide project," In November 1979, the RI Board agreed to set the eradication of polio as a primary goal of the 3-H program. Renouf was instrumental in raising funds for the early effort. In order to raise money, Clem asked all clubs to contribute about \$15 per member, for service projects, and the appeal raised \$7 million. Part of that money was used to fund the first polio immunization project in the Philippines ... The success was real.

In 1985, Rotary launched the PolioPlus program, and it later spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with its partners — national governments, the WHO, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. The GPEI continues to pursue worldwide eradication of polio.

Renouf served in the Royal Australian Air Force during World War II. After the war, he was an Accountant and partner in the firm of Renouf and Clarke. He was also a founder of Sundale Garden Village for the elderly. Rotary honored Renouf with the PolioPlus Pioneer Award for his extraordinary service to PolioPlus, as well as the Service Above Self Award, Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, and Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. He was a Rotary Foundation Benefactor and Major Donor and a member of the Paul Harris Society and the Bequest Society.

Sir Clem Renouf was described as quiet but a natural leader, but above all was a distinguished Australian Rotarian.

Roger Annear, Foundation Chairperson.



**Centenary of
Rotary in Australia
Baton Launch**

SAVE THE DATE
10th July 2020
12pm – 1pm

Rotary Australia & New Zealand

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Rotary's Centenary is a time of celebration! It is a time to reflect on our past, and take pride in all that has been achieved. It is a time we play our part in the history of Rotary.

Our centenary is also the time to lay the foundations for our future, as we still have much to do. The key project in our centenary year will focus on stopping the one in 16 children who die in 9 Pacific nations before the age of five.

We invite you to join Rotarians across Australia on 10th July for virtual fellowship, as well as meet our R100 Centenary Ambassadors, the Governor General and Mrs Hurley, as they launch our national centenary campaign. By joining us, you will witness the "Passing the Baton" ceremony. The baton that will carry the symbols of our centenary and will travel far and wide across Rotary Clubs and Districts.

We ask too for your support in helping us raise funds for our R100 Centenary project, "Rotary Give Every Child a Future"; saving young lives in Pacific nations.

Go to <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=632367&> to register your attendance.

Once registered you will receive a link to Zoom prior to the event.

Fusion—Sleep in your Car

Community, Connection, Together There's Life!

On any given night, there are 116,427 Australian's recorded as experiencing homelessness. 42% are under the age of 25.¹ But behind those statistics and faces are stories.

"Most people don't realise that there's always a story. People don't realise that they just need that little bit of help to get up and back on their feet. Two years ago I wasn't really thinking about the next day or the future. [After] Being with Fusion... now I actually want to live life and be as good as I can be. Probably one of the biggest things is trust and faith. A lot of that disappears when you see people walking by and any one of those can help you out but a lot of people just choose to ignore you. Having a feeling of no home, there also comes a feeling of no hope as well". – **Alex, past resident.**

Alex's story of homelessness ends with connection, support and shared hope. **Will you help build that connection and support?**

On Saturday August 1st, Fusion Mornington Peninsula is hosting **Sleep In Your Car** the community sleep out - **online**. Held in the lead up to Homelessness Week, this local community event is in its 6th year, creating opportunities for our community to begin to consider what it means to experience homelessness.

This year registration allows you full access to our online event, including interactive experiences, live panels presenting local youth service, tours of our accommodation facility, guest speakers as well as live performing artists.

Or if you are sponsoring a participant simply drop past our Facebook page on the night and show your support. Registering to give up your bed to sleep in your car at home, pitch a tent or sleep on your couch will raise the crucial funding to prevent and support local young people experiencing homelessness. **Sleep in Your Car 2020 aims to raise \$25,000.**

You have the power to help transform the lives of vulnerable young people in our community. Register at www.sleepinyourcar.com.au



SLEEP IN YOUR CAR

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2020

**GIVE UP YOUR BED FOR 1 NIGHT
TO RAISE FUNDS AND
AWARENESS FOR YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS**

**THE ONLINE
COMMUNITY
EVENT**

REGISTER or INFO: www.sleepinyourcar.com.au

Official Advice from the World Health Organisation
to help stop the spread of Coronavirus (COVID19).

GET TESTED

IF YOU'VE GOT

THESE SYMPTOMS



Fever



Runny nose



Sore throat



Cough



Chills
or sweats



Shortness
of breath



Loss of sense
of smell or taste

STAYING

APART KEEPS

US TOGETHER

**Find out where to get tested,
visit vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS**

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A bit of light-hearted humour in these difficult times .
I hope you enjoy these pieces and can see the funny side of them.

**What do you
call shoes made of
banana peels?**

Slippers.

I just been
diagnosed with
NCD



NO CAN DO!

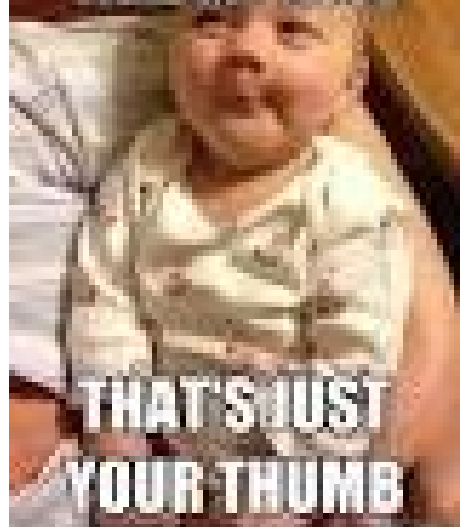
INTERESTING CONFUSIONS

- 1.Can you cry under water?
- 2.Do fishes ever get thirsty?
- 3.Why don't birds fall off trees when they sleep?
- 4.Why is it called building when it is already built?
- 5.When they say dogs food is new and improved, who tastes it?
- 6.If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?
- 7.Why does round pizza come in square box?
- 8.Why doesn't glue stick to its bottle?

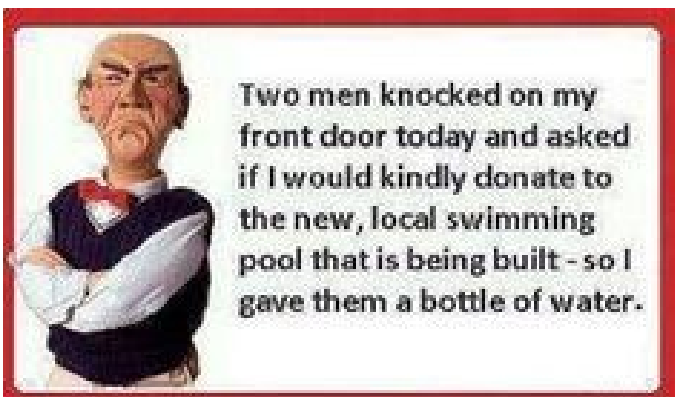
Crazy world isn't it?



**YOU DIDN'T REALLY
TAKE MY NOSE**



**THAT'S JUST
YOUR THUMB**



Two men knocked on my front door today and asked if I would kindly donate to the new, local swimming pool that is being built - so I gave them a bottle of water.

The police came to my house earlier & said my dog had chased someone on a bike. I said, you must be joking officer, my dog hasn't got a bike.

